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MAGAZINES ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON DIGITAL

If you subscribe to audio magazines from the Talking Books Services you will now be receiving them on digital cartridge.

For several months we have already been issuing some digital magazines in our gray cases for use on the digital player. These include Sandlapper, South Carolina Wildlife, and Guideposts.

Now, magazines provided by the National Library Service will be distributed on digital cartridges, as well. They will be mailed to you in bright red containers on light blue cartridges. If you have multiple subscriptions, all new issues will be contained on one cartridge. To access them please use the Bookshelf feature on the player.

Once you are finished reading your magazines, they must be returned in the container they came in. The next magazine cartridge will not go out to you until you return the previous one in the correct container.

If you would like a list of magazines that are available, please call the library at 1-800-922-7818 or email us at tbsbooks@statelibrary.sc.gov

NOTE: MAGAZINES ARE MAILED DIRECTLY BY NLS. PLEASE RETURN WHEN FINISHED.



USING THE BOOKSHELF FEATURE

To read cartridges with multiple books Go to "bookshelf" mode

- Insert cartridge in player
- Press and hold "Play/Stop" until you hear it say "BOOKSHELF".



- Press REWIND OR FASTFORWARD to select book
- · Then press play again to listen.



WE APPRECIATE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Talking Book Services could not function as well as it does without the assistance of volunteers. National Volunteer Week is April 21-27 and we will be showing our appreciation to them personally on April 23. Here are some of the things our volunteers do for us:

- Record South Carolina Wildlife and Sandlapper magazines.
- Record books by South Carolina writers.
- Assist the Reader Advisors by answering the phones or other clerical work.
- Help inspect returned books to make sure the correct book is in the correct case.
- Help us at events such as the Palmetto Senior Expo to spread the word about this wonderful service.

There's an APP for that (SOON)!

NLS is in the process of developing applications to enable the download and reading of its books using commercial mobile devices. There will be two versions: one for the Apple devices (Iphone, Ipad, etc) and one for Android devices. Remember this is still in the development stage but we wanted you all to know what's coming! Hopefully the Apple APP will be available by summer.





REQUIRED:

- You must have your OWN I-pod, I-pad, Iphone.
- Or you must have your OWN Android phone.
- You must have an email address.
- You must set up a BARD account.

PLEASE NOTE: TBS CANNOT GIVE YOU A DEVICE TO USE, YOU MUST HAVE YOUR OWN.

YOUR KEY TO ORDERING BOOKS:

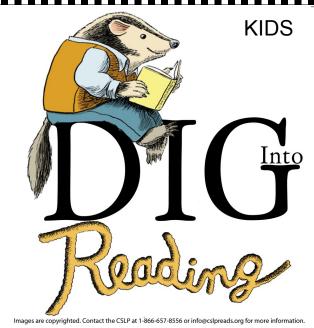
DB: Digital book

DSC: Locally recorded digital book

DW: Descriptive DVD video

LP: Large Print book

RC: Recorded cassette (old format)



SUMMER IS COMING!

Keep your mind exercised this summer by becoming involved in the statewide summer reading program. If you are a registered patron of TBS, all you have to do is pick out books to read. Then join the program at your local library to participate in the prizes they will give out.

Write a short story or poem for us at TBS and we will publish it in our Fall Newsletter. If we have enough entries, we will record them in book format for others to hear.

There are two programs: Dig into Reading for the younger kids and Beneath the Surface for the teens.

Don't let your brain go flat! Join the reading club at your local library!



BENEATH THE SURFACE

HELPFUL HINT

What do you do if you are at the end of the book and want to start over at the beginning?

It's simple! Press the PLAY button twice!

TIP: this ONLY works if you are where it says "END OF BOOK"

MAIL FAIL

OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES

At the end of February, we discovered that mail we took to the local post office was not going out. After a week of phone calls and investigations, the authorities at the Columbia post office and distribution center corrected the problem. Unfortunately some of you went without books for nearly two weeks. We want to assure

all of you that we did not rest until it was resolved. We did not become aware of the problem until February 25 when we began receiving calls from people who had not received books that were sent out the previous week. We immediately began investigating. We will never fully understand what went wrong at the post office but they did say they



were undergoing major changes, including a consolidation of three distribution centers into one. Thank you all for your patience. Hopefully this will never happen again.

HELPFUL HINT

Don't save up your books to send back together. Once you finish one, return it so we can send a new book out. This will keep you in books constantly with no lags! Remember: your totals show not just the books you have at home but every book in transit in the mail!

A BIBLE OF YOUR OWN

Through the years, many patrons have asked if we have the King James Version of the Holy Bible in large print. They are available from **Braille Bibles** International at a low cost. For a donation of \$10, they will send an 18 point Bible to



you. For a donation of \$20, they will send you a 24 point Bible.

Bibles in digital audio format are also available. These Bibles are on a digital cartridge the same as NLS books. They are available in two versions: King James and New Living Translation. These NLS compatible Bibles are free. If you would like an application to use their service, you may call us or contact them directly at:

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SPREAD THE WORD!

If you know someone who qualifies to use Talking Book Services, have them call us. We can send them an application and get them started reading again in no time!

THANK YOU!

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